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血族の受難の始まりの物語…。

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THE RECORD OF FALLEN

VAMPIRE

EVEN THOUGH I WAS DISOWNED, IT WASN'T ADELHEIT'S FAULT
MAYBE MY WORDS GAVE YOU THE WRONG ASSUMPTIONS

SHE DID NOT EVEN KNOW SHE HAD A SISTER
ACTUALLY BEFORE ADELHEIT HAD EVEN TURNED 100,

I...
WAS THE CHILD OF THE PREVIOUS VAMPIRE KING AND HIS HALF-BLOODED CONCUBINE
AN UNACKNOWLEDGED PRINCESS
YET, I WAS ALSO HIS ONLY CHILD.
NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE ONLY CHILD I MAY BE,
IS A HALF-BLOOD CAN NEVER BECOME THE QUEEN
HOWEVER MY VAMPIRE BLOOD WAS STRONG
I WAS ABLE TO USE MY MAGIC AND SPIRITUAL POWERS BY THE TIME I WAS FIVE
THUS I WAS PAMPERED AND PRAISED PEOPLE WERE SAYING THAT EVEN THOUGH I AM A HALF-BLOOD...
I MIGHT BE ABLE TO BECOME THE QUEEN
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD OF THIS?
THE MORE PURE BLOODED A VAMPIRE IS, THE HARDER FOR IT TO CONCEIVE?

BUT FOR A PURE BLOOD, BEING ABLE TO HAVE A CHILD WITHIN 1000 YEARS IS CONSIDERED VERY LUCKY.
I DON'T KNOW...
IS IT TRUE?
IT IS EASY FOR THE HALF BLOODS TO HAVE CHILDREN.
AH...
AND THUS, EVERYBODY TREATED ME LIKE A PURE BLOODED HEIR.
IT SEEMS AS THOUGH, THAT EVEN WITH ANOTHER THOUSAND YEARS, A PURE BLOODED HEIR TO THE THRONE CAN NEVER BE CONCEIVED.
THAT'S RIGHT.
.....
AND HE'S ONLY 60 YEARS OLD.
EVEN THEN, THE ONLY PURE BLOOD VAMPIRE THAT IS UNDER A THOUSAND YEARS OLD IS AKACARA.
THE PURE BLOODED PRINCESS, ADELHEIT, WAS BORN.
HOWEVER, WHEN I WAS 10

I GUESS THAT YOU HAD ALREADY BEEN INFORMED.
AT THE SAME TIME
I WAS BANISHED FROM THE ROYAL FAMILY.

FROM TODAY ONWARD
I,GOTTFRIED STRAUSS WILL BE THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CARE AND UPBRINGING.
EVEN THOUGH HE IS ONLY 60 YEARS OLD,
BUT HE WAS ALREADY EVERY INCH A PURE BLOODED VAMPIRE

I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL
HIS MAJESTY'S DECISION WAS TOO CRUEL
BUT IT WAS A NECESSARY DECISION
YOU'RE TOO STRONG
AND TOO CLEVER
IF COMPARED TO THE NEWBORN PRINCESS ADELHEIT
YOU'RE DEFINITELY BETTER
AND THAT IS THE PROBLEM
.....

PRINCESS ADELHEIT WOULD HAVE A SERIOUS CASE OF INSECURITY
IF SHE KNEW THAT YOU ARE HER SISTER
ALL THIS, WITHOUT A DOUBT, WILL HAVE SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY
CAUSING FOUL RUMOURS TO SURFACE
ALSO, THE PEOPLE WOULD COMPARE THE TWO OF YOU,
AND BETWEEN YOU AND PRINCESS ADELHEIT, THERE WOULD BE STRIFE AND HATRED.
IN THE WORST SITUATION, A CIVIL WAR MIGHT COME ABOUT.
HARBOURS THE POSSIBILITY FOR ALL THAT TO HAPPEN.
YOUR VERY EXISTENCE

PRETENDING THAT YOU HAD NEVER EXISTED WAS ALSO A NECESSARY EVIL.
THEREFORE YOU WERE BANISHED
YOU ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO OVERSHADOW THE PURE BLOODED PRINCESS
IT IS THE SAME FOR PRINCESS ADELHEIT TOO IF SHE DOESN'T KNOW OF YOUR EXISTENCE
SHE WOULD BE ABLE TO GROW UP WITHOUT BEING OVER-SHADOWED BY YOU
IF YOU DO NOT EXIST AS A PRINCESS
THE PEOPLE WON'T NEED TO MAKE UNNECES-SARY COMPARI-SONS
AND THERE WON'T BE AN INTERNAL STRIFE
AND SO SHE WILL BE ABLE TO GUIDE THE EMPIRE IN THE CORRECT DIRECTION
ALL OF THIS IS FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE

I CANNOT UNDER-STAND
I AM A PRINCESS!
I WANT TO STAY HERE!!
PLEASE BE UNDER-STANDING
IF YOU WANT TO TAKE ME AWAY, THEN YOU MUST RESORT TO FORCE!!!
I DO NOT OBEY THE COMMANDS OF THE WEAK!
...YOU!
BEING STRONG DOESN'T MEAN A THING UNLESS YOU USE YOUR POWER TO HELP THE WEAK.
THAT KIND OF THINKING ISN'T GOOD.

ONLY THE WEAK WOULD SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
GET OUT OF HERE!

YOUR REPUTATION IS DEFINITELY TRUE
!!?
A MOMENT OF DISTRACTION AND EVEN AN ELDER WOULD LOSE TO YOU.

WHEN DID HE DO IT?!
IMPOSSIBLE
BEING IN THE ROYAL FAMILY IS TOO MUCH FOR YOU

THEN, LETS GO!
MY LITTLE DAUGHTER
THUS, I WAS ADOPTED BY STRAUSS,
AND BECAME SOMEONE WHO HAD NEVER EXISTED IN THE ROYAL FAMILY

She is blameless for everything
It wasn't until our father, his majesty Gottfried told her the truth.
Then she even knew of my existence as her older sister
At that time, Adelheit was a newborn
However...
.....
Even if she is blameless
You still hate her don't you?
Around a month or so
You for a while
And from then on, I was able to serve the Royal family as a loyal servant
Because I was completely satisfied to be with Strauss
After that, I had completely left that feeling

IN THE MAJORITY OF MY MEMORIES
ADELHEIT IS MY CUTE LITTLE SISTER.
ALWAYS LOOKING UP TO ME AS HER "BIG SISTER"
LOOKS UP... TO YOU?
ACTUALLY
THE ONE MOST UPSET IS ADELHEIT.
EVER SINCE SHE FOUND OUT, SHE HAD FELT VERY GUILTY.
EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT REALLY HER FAULT
SHE STILL FELT VERY GUILTY TOWARDS ME,

SISTER!
SISTER~
ARE YOU IN?
YOUR HIGHNESS...
I HAD REMINDED YOU BEFORE
WHAT'S WRONG SISTER?

PLEASE DON'T CALL ME "SISTER"
DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG?
おと!!
YOU ARE MY SISTER!
Ah!
BUT!
IF YOU WERE TO BE HEARD CALLING ME "SISTER", OTHERS WOULD LOOK DOWN ON YOU.
I AM BUT A LOYAL SERVANT OF THE ROYAL FAMILY
ACTUALLY YOU SHOULD BE ADDRESSING ME AS SUCH AT ANY TIME AND PLACE.
HOWEVER
BUT IN PRIVATE, IT IS ONLY RIGHT THAT I CALL YOU "SISTER".
IN PUBLIC PLACES, I CAN UNDERSTAND.

EVEN WORDS UTTERED PRIVATELY
CAN HARM THE ROYAL FAMILY'S REPUTATION
SO PLEASE DO NOT CALL ME "SISTER"
AHM..
I KNOW..
BUT
YOU'RE MY ONLY SISTER, AREN'T YOU?
IF YOU WERE TO FEEL ANGRY
TOWARDS ME AND FATHER
IT WOULD ONLY BE NATURAL.

ADELHEIT.
I UNDERSTAND. YOU DON'T NEED TO CONTINUE
I UNDER-STAND
THEREFORE, THERE IS NO NEED TO FEEL GUILTY TO VIEW ME AS YOUR SISTER
I HAD LONG FORGOTTEN WHATEVER HAD HAPPENED IN THE PAST
AND BESIDES
REALLY WISH THAT YOU WOULD REGARD ME AS YOUR SISTER
BUT I...
REALLY...
ALWAYS... SO FORTUNATE
YOU'RE ...

THE OFFICIAL PRINCESS IS ACTUALLY ENVYING ME. THE ONE WHO HAD BEEN BANISHED FROM THE ROYAL FAMILY.
WE ARE SUCH A WEIRD PAIR OF SISTERS.
ALWAYS GET TO BE WITH STRAUSS
YOU.
THAT'S BECAUSE..
"BRIDGET HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO ME."
"BRIDGET HAS COMPLETED THE MISSION PERFECTLY."
SAYING THINGS LIKE "THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEMS IF BRIDGET IS HANDLING IT"
ON THE FEW OCCASIONS THAT WE MET, WAS ALWAYS PRAISING YOU,
AND, STRAUSS HE

I CAN'T BE HIS SECOND IN-COMMAND
IF HE DOESN'T HAVE THAT LEVEL OF TRUST IN ME!
BUT
WEREN'T THE TWO OF YOU SLEEPING IN THE SAME BED?
AND EVEN BATHING TOGETHER!
THAT IS BECAUSE WE ARE FATHER AND DAUGHTER
HUH
BUT, BUT...
.....
THERE'S NOTHING TO ENVY
EVEN IF I AM HIS BELOVED DAUGHTER
THERE ARE STILL THINGS THAT I CAN'T DO PRECISELY BECAUSE I AM HIS DAUGHTER
A PRINCESS HAS A ...NCESS' METHODS
TO BE WITH STRAUSS!

AND HE IS NOT ONE TO LET ANYBODY DOWN
EVERYONE IS EXPECTING
STRAUS TO BE THE NEXT KING
IF HE WAS TO BECOME KING
HE WOULD NEED TO MARRY YOU THE PRINCESS
BUT...
STRAUSS IS ONLY 180
AND I'LL BE THE ONE ENVYING YOU
ONE DAY STRAUSS WILL BECOME YOUR HUSBAND!
FOR A
THAT CAN LIVE UP TO TEN THOUSAND YEARS
THERE NO REASON THAT HE CAN'T WAIT A MERE 800 YEARS RIGHT?
THERE'S STILL 800 YEARS TO GO, RIGHT?
AND I HAD HEARD THAT ONE NEEDS TO BE AT LEAST A THOUSAND YEARS OLD BEFORE HE CAN BECOME THE KING

STRONG AND SMART
I'M NOT LIKE YOU
EVEN NOW STRAUSS IS IGNORING ME
STRAUSS GETS TIRED OF ME?
WHAT IF BEFORE THAT..
IDIOT!
STRAUSS IS NOT THE SORT TO GET TIRED OF ANYONE
HE IS JUST LIKE THAT.
.....

SHALL WE GO OUTSIDE?
AND IT'S A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT TOO.
BRIDGET, I BOUGHT BACK SOME WONDERFUL WINE
STRAUSS!!
AH, YOUR HIGHNESS.
YES!
YOU CAME?
I'M ALL HERE!

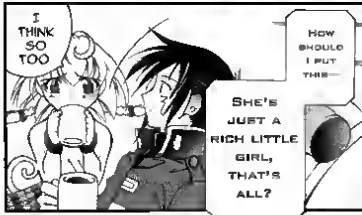
はっ
YOU USED THE WRONG PROVERB, YOUR HIGHNESS
SOR, SORRY,
I WAS TOO HAPPY
HOW ABOUT IT, ADELHEIT? LET'S DRINK TOGETHER
EVEN IF IT IS A VERY STRONG WINE, WE CAN ALWAYS DILUTE IT WITH WATER
YES, YES!
OF COURSE

HMM
YES.

WERE YOU VERY SURPRISED?

I UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU MEAN
AND SO, THE TWO OF US WHO WERE ALWAYS AROUND STRAUSS GOT ON WELL.

I HAD THOUGHT THAT ADELHEIT WOULD BE AN IRRADIATING PERSON.
WHO GIVE NO THOUGHT TO OTHERS ALL BECAUSE SHE IS ROYALTY

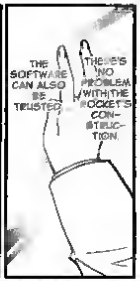

I THINK SO TOO
HOW SHOULD I PUT THIS—
SHE'S JUST A RICH LITTLE GIRL, THAT'S ALL?

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT,
IT WAS A FORTUNATE AND HAPPY TIME BACK THEN
EVEN IF IT DID NOT LAST AN ETERNITY,
I HAD BELIEVED THAT IT WILL LAST AT LEAST A THOUSAND YEARS
I REALLY CANNOT BELIEVE IT
BECAUSE OF THE APPEARANCE OF STELLA
BUT IT DID NOT EVEN LAST ANOTHER 20 YEARS
ALMOST CAUSING ARMAGEDDON
AND IN THE END LOST CONTROL OF HER POWERS
THAT ADELHEIT, WHO DARE NOT EVEN KILL AN ANT
AND EVEN DISSECTED THE BABY IN HER WOMB?
WOULD KILL THE WOMAN, NAMED STELLA

THAT MIGHT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROBLEM TOO
AND STELLA WAS QUITE A SURPRISING WOMAN TOO.
THAT A DISASTER ON SUCH A SCALE WAS ABLE TO OCCUR
IT MIGHT BE BECAUSE SHE HAD SUCH A PERSONALITY.
LAETITA AND MORISHIMA ...
!?
HEY!
I'M THIRSTY.
I'LL CONTINUE THE STORY
IT'S ALL RIGHT JUST AS LONG AS YOU'RE SMART ENOUGH TO BRING SOMETHING TO DRINK OVER
I KNOW THAT YOU'RE LISTENING

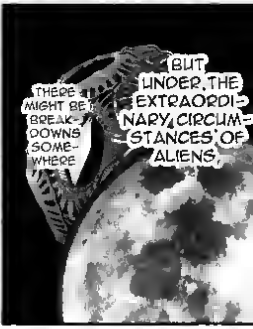
OH...
しゅうう
YOU GOT TO BE KIDDING ME...
.....
THAT LADY!
JUST CAN'T WIN

GREAT MASK MUST BE CONFIDENT OF THE POWER OF HIS INFLUENCE.
HOWEVER, I'M UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE ISLAND'S DEFENCE.


THE SOFTWARE CAN ALSO BE TRUSTED.
THERE'S NO PROBLEM WITH THE ROCKET'S CONSTRUCTION.

ADELHEIT'S REVIVAL IS NEARING EVERY DAY.
ALSO,

I MUST CONSIDER THE WORST CASE SCENARIOS
WILL I BE SHOWING ANY WEAKNESS?


BUT UNDER THE EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF ALIENS,
THERE MIGHT BE BREAKDOWNS SOMEWHERE

I HAD ALREADY TOLD YOU BEFORE, DO NOT GO OUT WITHOUT MY PERMISSION.
I WAS JUST WALKING AROUND NOTHING MUCH
I CAN'T GO OUT INTO THE SUN ANYWAY, SINCE I'M A VAMPIRE
SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME ESCAPING

YOU LEAVE ME NO CHOICE
UGH

URH!
A BIT MORE RESTRAINED!
THIS SHOULD MAKE YOU—

PLEASE DO NOT...
UNDER-ESTIMATE ME.
AGRH...
USING VIOLENCE IS NOT GOOD BEHAVIOUR
HOPE THAT YOU CAN IMPROVE YOURSELF.
HOW LONG,
HAVE YOU BEEN POSSESSED BY THE BLACK SWAN?
KAYUKI...

IN ORDER TO COOPERATE WITH THE "OVER MOON" PROJECT
YOU HAD WAITED QUITE A WHILE BEFORE COMING INTO CONTACT WITH ME. CORRECT?
DON'T WORRY
IT HAS ONLY BEEN 3 YEARS & 7 MONTHS
THOSE THAT WERE POSSESSED BY THE BLACK SWAN USUALLY HAD 5 YEARS BEFORE IT TOTALLY POSSESSED THEM.
5 YEARS IS ONLY AN ESTIMATE
IF YOU MEDDLE IN TOO MANY THINGS, THE PROCESS WILL ONLY SPEED UP
THERE'S STILL PLENTY OF TIME
DON'T FORCE YOURSELF TO REMEMBER YOUR PREDECESSORS MEMORIES
THEIR MEMORIES MIGHT OVERWHELM YOUR OWN
DID YOU HAVE A SUDDEN HEADACHE WHEN YOU ARE SEARCHING THROUGH THEIR MEMORIES?

IT STILL WON'T CHANGE THE PAST.
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU KNOW OR NOT...

DO YOU THINK I WILL BELIEVE YOU?

.....
IF YOU WISH TO LIVE LONGER, LEAVE THINGS BE.

ARGH...

URH

THE PAST WILL NOT CHANGE
.....
USH.....
SO DON'T,
TORMENT THE SURVIVOURS
IS THAT CORRECT..
STELLA

EVEN SO, YOUR SPIRIT .....
WILL IT STILL WISH ME HAPPINESS ?

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THE RECORD OF FALLEN VAMPIRE

Hi everyone!

You must be wondering why is this chapter is being released under another group's name even though it is Fallen releasing it. Basically, this is the first chapter I had done and released for another group, Toransure-to, over 2 years ago. Time sure flies by doesn't it?

Anyway, Toransure-to, which means "Translate" in Japanese, can be considered the bastard child of Mangaviewer Type 3. The 3 of us, [redacted] Leah and I, met in the Mangaviewer forums and decided to start a scanlation group that is aimed at picking up series that are very interesting but doesn't have reputation. Things were very fast paced at first, with the forum going up and me churning out translations every 2-3 days.

But then things started to slow... We lost Leah after she got her MD and disappeared on [redacted] at a go. And [redacted] was busy with RL too...

In other words... we died. Though I [redacted] only officially closed the door on [redacted] back in December [redacted] and afterwards, I offered the translation to the other scanlation [redacted] that does Record too. They never replied and in the end, a couple of others from the Onemanga forum decided to band together and finish off this series.

I'm really grateful towards Ishxalkgood, Melinda-chan, Jazz of Joker[redacted] for deciding to give this series a chance to be completed. Hopefully, we'll be able to pick up other series in the future.

In any case, sorry about the rambling but I just wanted people [redacted] Toransure-to before we fade in the mist of obscurity. I hope that you will enjoy our only release and I look forward to seeing you again in Chapter 20. Thank you.

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Yours sincerely,
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CHAPTER 20: THE ORIGIN OF THE STAR

IF SHE CAN EVEN CAPTURE THAT MAN'S HEART,
もぐもぐ
SHE WOULDN'T BE SOME ORDINARY LITTLE GIRL FROM SOME LITTLE VILLAGE RIGHT?
IS IT PART OF SOME ROMANTIC STORY, LIKE SHE'S THE PRINCESS OF A RIVAL KINGDOM?
NO, SHE IS JUST A COMMON LITTLE VILLAGE GIRL.

SHE IS JUST A VILLAGE GIRL, LIVING IN ANOTHER KINGDOM.
IN FACT, SHE IS ONE OF THE REFUGEES WHO HAD LOST THEIR VILLAGE WHEN WAR BROKE OUT
BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRY AND THE NIGHT MONARCHY
.....!
STRAUSS WAS SENT TO THE EAST TO SETTLE THIS CONFLICT.
WHILE PROTECTING THE VILLAGERS AND GIVING THEM A NEW REFUGE-
HE FELL IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT WITH THAT VILLAGE GIRL
AND BROUGHT HER BACK WITH HIM.
WHOA?!
THAT MAN SURE CAN WORK FAST
...

I MAY NOT KNOW WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED THEN,
BUT I DO KNOW HE ACTED TOO RASHLY.
AS A GENERAL, TO ACTUALLY FALL FOR A REFUGEE.
THAT IS TOO DISHONOURABLE!
YOU SAID THAT YOU DON'T KNOW THE ACTUAL EVENTS...
WEREN'T YOU WITH STRAUSS AT THAT TIME?
WE WERE ATTACKED BY MULTIPLE COUNTRIES AT ONCE DURING THAT TIME.
I WAS SENT TO COMMAND THE WEST.
IF I HAD BEEN BY HIS SIDE, THAT LITTLE VILLAGE GIRL,
WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET NEAR STRAUSS

THE FIRST TIME I MET STELLA,
WAS WHEN I HAD JUST RETURNED FROM THE WEST CONFLICT.
STRAUSS HAD ONLY SPENT HALF A MONTH TO SETTLE THE EAST SIDE,
BUT I TOOK TWICE AS LONG.
I'M STILL NOT GOOD ENOUGH!

I THINK I'LL TAKE A BATH FIRST.
EVEN THOUGH I HAVE TO REPORT IN.
IT'S BEEN A MONTH SINCE WE LAST MET, I CAN BE AS SASSY AS I WANT!
HE WILL PROBABLY HELP ME WASH MY HAIR!
AT...SO...
SINCE WE ARE GOING TO SLEEP TOGETHER AGAIN.
HE'S PROBABLY GOING TO LET ME USE HIS ARMS AS A PILLOW!

ごろん
MMM
YOU

WHO ...
ARE YOU !?
HUH ……
もぞ
もぞ
OH, YOU MUST BE ……
MISS BRIDGET RIGHT ?
I DECIDED THAT I WANTED TO GREET YOU.
……
NICE TO MEET YOU ...
I'M STELLA .

STELLA ?
DID STRAUSS GET A HUMAN MAID WHEN I WAS AWAY ?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ?
UH ... THAT IS ...

I'M NOT USED TO IT YET, SO I KEEP FALLING ASLEEP.
あふ…
THE LIFE-STYLE IN THE NIGHT MONARCHY IS SO DIRECTLY OPPOSITE TO THAT OF NORMAL COUNTRIES …
BUT I FELL ASLEEP INSTEAD …
I WANTED TO MAKE THE BED,
IF YOU FORCE YOURSELF TO ADAPT IT WILL ONLY HARM YOUR BODY.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT TOO MUCH
IF I TAKE TOO LONG, I MIGHT BE A BOTHER TO OTHERS …
NORMALLY, HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO ADAPT ?
MORE IMPORTANTLY …
OKAY …
HAVE A LOT OF PATIENCE. EVEN IF IT TAKES YEARS, THEY CAN STILL WAIT.
FOR THE VAMPIRES, WHO PRIDE THEMSELVES ON THEIR LONG LIVES,

PLEASE COMB YOUR HAIR
IT'S SO MESSY
HUH?
WHERE IS IT MESSY?
!?
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, CALM DOWN
I'LL COMB YOUR HAIR FOR YOU
WA
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
IS SHE JUST INNOCENT AND NAIVE
OR COMPLETELY DIM-WITTED?
STE-LLA!!

STRAUSS
…
STELLA, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?
I JUST GOT BACK TOO …
OH GOOD …
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? SHE DIDN'T DO ANY-THING TO YOU RIGHT?
I DIDN'T THINK THAT BRIDGET WOULD GET BACK SO
I'M SO SORRY …
EH!?

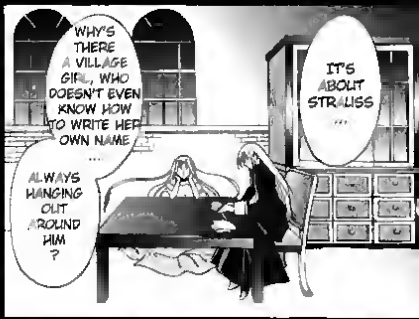
STRA
USS
...
WHO EXACTLY IS THIS GIRL ?
UH, YOU NEED TO CALM DOWN FIRST
BRIDGET
.....
HAVE N'T I BEEN C LM THIS WHOLE TIME ?
OH
...
YEA
UH
...
ANYWAY
...
HEAR ME OUT OKAY
...
STELLA
...
ACTUALLY
...
IS
...

MY ...
LOVER.
WHAT !?
AFTER-WARDS, WE HAD A LITTLE QUAR-REL ...
BUT IN THE END, STELLA STAYED IN THE NIGHT MONARCHY AS STRAUSS' CONCUBINE.

HE-RE
SO WE ASKED THE ELDER HEIZEN-RUBA* TO BECOME HER GUARDIAN
FROM THEN ON, SHE BECAME KNOWN AS STELLAR HEIZENRUBA*
HOWEVER, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HU-MILIATING IF IT WAS KNOWN THAT THE GREAT GENERAL WAS IN LOVE WITH AN ORDINARY VIL-LAGE GIRL.
EVEN BEFORE THEIR MARRIAGE
NEVER APPROVED OF STELLA STAYING TOGETHER WITH STRAUSS
SO STELLA WAS GIVEN A ROOM IN THE HEIZENRUBA* HOME AND STAYED THERE.
I ...
STRAUSS STARTED FREQUENTLY APPEARING AT THE HEIZENRUBA* HOME
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT THINGS WERE GOING TO BE SAFE

CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING ?
SISTER
WHAT IS IT ?

IT'S STRAUSS WHO'S HANGING OUT AROUND HER.
NO, IT'S THE OTHER WAY AROUND


WHY'S THERE A VILLAGE GIRL, WHO DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO WRITE HER OWN NAME ... ALWAYS HANGING OUT AROUND HIM ?
IT'S ABOUT STRAUSS ...

BUT IF HE LIKES HER I GUESS THERE'S NO PROBLEM.
IT MAY BE TRUE THAT SHE'S UNEDUCATED AND UNCULTURED ...

BEFORE I CAME HERE
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I HAD GONE TO VISIT STRAUSS
HE SAID HE WAS GIVING THAT GIRL A PRESENT...
AND IT WAS A JEWEL CARVED BY HIM!
IMAGINE THAT! A PRESENT MADE BY STRAUSS HIMSELF!!
.....
UH
HOW THOUGHTFUL OF HIM
!
SORRY, BUT I'M VERY BUSY.
IF YOU WANT TO GRIPE, PLEASE GO FIND SOMEONE ELSE
BUT SISTER!

A HUMAN GIRL WHO'S NOT EVEN 20 YEARS OLD!?
WHY IS IT STELLA!
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO SLEEPS TOGETHER WITH STRAUSS EVERY NIGHT
YET, EVEN I HAVE NEVER RECEIVED A HANDMADE PRESENT FROM HIM!
"ALSO, THAT GIRL'S AN IDIOT! SHE DOESN'T EVEN REALIZE IT WHEN I AM BEING MEAN TO HER!"
AND SHE'S NOT EVEN ONE BIT AFRAID OF ME
IT'S SO IRRITATING!
STELLA...

IT'S A PEN-DANT.
PLEASE ACCEPT IT.
EH? WHAT IS THIS ?
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I MADE IT MYSELF.
I CAN'T ACCEPT ALL THESE GIFTS.
YES, SO IT IS, BUT I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE ...
PLUS, IT'S NOT WORTH ANY-THING.
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT, RIGHT ?
BUT YOU MUST LET ME GIVE YOU SOME-THING ...
ONLY THEN CAN I BE HAPPY.

THIS WAS MADE FROM A ROAD-SIDE STONE AND A BROKEN SWORD
SO IT'S COM-PLETELY WORTH-LESS.
ALRIGHT, I WILL ACCEPT IT ...
BUT JUST THIS ONE, OKAY ?
THIS SHOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH RIGHT ?
.....
.....

I'VE BEEN GETTING THE FEELING THAT MISS BRIDGET HAS BEEN FEELING UNDER THE WEATHER.
OH YEA, RE-CENTLY ...
I CAN'T WATCH THIS ANY-MORE!
ARG ...
I'M LIKE A FATHER TO HER ...
I'VE BEEN WITH BRIDGET FOR OVER 100 YEARS ALREADY ...
SHE MUST BE THINKING THAT I'VE SNATCHED STRAUSS AWAY FROM HER, RIGHT
I KEEP ON TELLING HER TO GO HOME ...
BUT SHE KEEPS ON STAYING AT MY PLACE, RE-FUSING TO GO BACK.
BUT RECENTLY I HAVE BEEN GIVING A LOT OF WORK TO HER
AND I REALLY HAVEN'T BEEN SPENDING TIME WITH HER.
SO I'M SURE SHE COULD BE PERSUADED.

IF THAT WERE TO BE THE CASE
ALSO, AFTER WE'RE MARRIED, WOULDN'T BRIDGET HAVE TO LIVE WITH US?
IF I WERE BRIDGET, I'D THINK THAT YOU WERE A USELESS FATHER.
THAT WOULD-N'T BE NOT GOOD.
DOES MISS BRIDGET HATE ME ?
AHH.. IS THAT SO?
IDIOT
THEN MISS BRIDGET WOULD HATE ME !
I AM SUCH A DIS-GRACE !
COM-PLETELY NE-GLECTING MY BELOVED DAUGHTER'S FEELINGS. AND ONLY THINKING ABOUT MYSELF
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? FOR SOME-ONE WHOSE OVER A 100 YEARS OLD ...
I DIDN'T KNOW FALLING IN LOVE WOULD BE SO HARD TO HANDLE.
SURELY YOU'VE BEEN IN RELATION-SHIPS BEFORE. 10 MAYBE 20 TIMES AL-READY!

WAA
SO DOES THIS MEAN I'M YOUR FIRST LOVE ?!
SO WHAT IF I THAT'S TRUE ?
ACTUALLY
THIS IS MY FIRST ONE
SHE CAN'T BE COMPARED WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN BY STRAUSS'S SIDE FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS!
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LOVE IS VERY UNSTABLE, IT WILL COOL OFF VERY FAST...
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT ...
I STILL CAN'T COMPREHEND LOVE.
COME TO THINK OF IT, THAT IS JUST LIKE YOU !

BUT I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO LOVE
COULD SOMEONE LIKE ME REALLY FULFIL THEIR DESIRES ?
BEFORE, I HAD ALWAYS TRIED MY BEST
TO FULFIL THE PEOPLE'S EXPECTA-TIONS
AND BUILD A GOOD COUNTRY.
I DON'T THINK THERE WILL BE ANY PROBLEMS
WILL I BE ABLE TO RULE THE MONARCHY WELL ?
IT'S JUST THAT YOU HAVE LOVED TOO MANY AT ONCE TO REALIZE IT
STRAUSS HAS ALWAYS LOVED ...

RESPONDING TO ALL EXPECTATIONS AND WISHING FOR EVERYONE TO BE HAPPY.
ALL THIS IF IT ISN'T LOVE, THEN WHAT IS IT ?
WHAT STRAUSS LOVES ...
IS THIS COUNTRY AND ALL ITS PEOPLE.
STRAUSS IS GREATER THAN EVERYBODY.
THIS IS WHY YOUR LOVE IS SO ENORMOUS.
LITTLE GIRL, ARE YOU TRYING TO FLATTER HIM ?
THAT'S RIGHT. STRAUSS IS GREATER THAN EVERYONE !!
SO HE DOESN'T NEED TO CARE ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF USELESS BRATS LIKE YOU.

STRAUSS DOESN'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING...
BUT
I...
I DON'T KNOW WHY
BUT STRAUSS SEEMS SO TIRED.
FEEL THAT, THAT IS ASKING TOO MUCH.
STRAUSS IS SO STRONG...
THEREFORE NOBODY WOULD WORRY ABOUT HIM.
!?
WHAT?

NOBODY WOULD WORRY ABOUT THE OMNIPOTENT GOD
NOR WOULD THEY THINK TO WISH FOR HIS HAPPINESS
BUT ...
IF NO ONE THINKS OF WISHING HIM HAPPINESS ...
COULD A PERSON REALLY BE HAPPY ?
ONE-SIDEDLY WISHING FOR OTHER'S HAPPINESS BUT HAS NOBODY TO WISH FOR HIS.
NO MATTER HOW STRONG ONE IS, HE WILL STILL BE SAD RIGHT
THEREFORE, AT LEAST I ...
WILL BE THE ONE TO PRAY FOR STRAUSS' HAPPINESS.
BUT STILL ...
IN REALITY, THAT IS ONLY A WISH

IF ALL IT COULD POSSIBLY BE IS A WISH ...
THEN NO MATTER WHERE I AM OR WHAT I AM, I CAN STILL DO IT.

SO EVEN WHEN I AM DEAD ...
MY SOUL WILL STILL ETERNALLY PRAY FOR STRAUSS' HAPPINESS
PRAYING THAT STRAUSS WILL BE BLESSED BY THE MOON FOREVER

I HAD DISCOV-ERED SOME-THING...
ACTU-ALLY...
THIS KIND OF THING...
PLEASE DON'T MIND ME...
AHH...

A LITTLE GIRL SAYING ALL THOSE PHILO-SOPHI-CAL THINGS!
WH-AT DO YOU THI-NK YOU KN-OW?!
WH-AT DO YOU KN-OW?!
BUT
HAVE I.....
EVER WISH-ED FOR STRA-USS' HAPPI-NESS?
HAVE I.....
EVER THOU-GHT OF PRAY-ING FOR HIM?

ADELHEID...
LET'S GO BACK...
IF STRAUSS IS DISCOVERED, IT WILL GIVE HIM A BAD REPUTATION.
.....
LITTLE GIRL...
YOU ARE VERY BEAUTIFUL.

COM-
PARED
TO
US
...
YOU ARE
DEFINITELY
MORE
BEAUTI-
FUL.

SHE WAS
A SIMPLE
VILLAGE GIRL
WHO HAS
NOTHING TO
MAKE USE OF
...
STELLA WAS
NEITHER
STRONG NOR
WAS SHE
SMART
...

HOWEVER, ONLY THAT GIRL WOULD PRAY FOR STRAUSS WITHOUT THINKING
PRAYING FOR THE ONE THAT WAS SEEN AS A GOD, AKABARA STRAUSS.
PRAYING FOR HIS HAPPI-NESS.
IT WAS SUCH A FOOLISH MATTER
BUT YET TO STRAUSS, JUST HOW IMPORTANT WAS IT ?
AFTER-WARDS, STRAUSS AND STELLA OFFICIALLY MARRIED EACH OTHER.
AND NOT TOO LONG AFTER, STELLA BECAME PREG-NANT
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT WAS ...

RIGHT BEFORE STELLA WAS DUE ...
ADELHEID WENT BERSERK.

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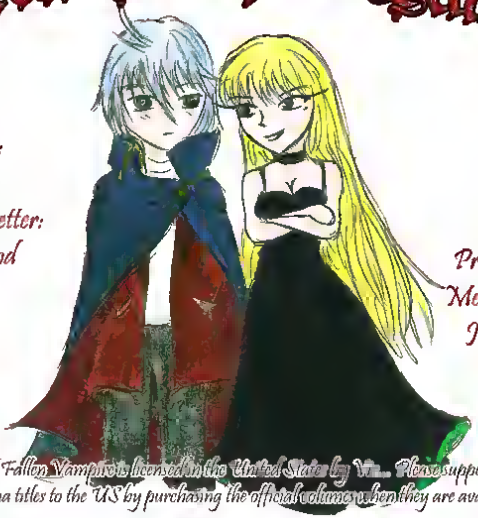

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DYE THE MOON RED
I'M COMING IN!

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OH ...
IT'S MISS BRIDGET !
YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE
I'LL GO GET SOME REFRESH-MENTS
ER . I'LL GO BREW SOME TEA.
NO NEED TO GO THROUGH THE TROU-BLE
IT WON'T BE GOOD FOR THE BABY.
BESIDES, YOU'RE STRAUSS' WIFE
TECHNI-CALLY, I SHOULD BE YOUR DAUGHTER.
SO THERE IS NO NEED FOR SO MUCH EFFORT.

BUT... HONESTLY
MISS BRIDGET COULD NOT POSSIBLY CALL ME "MOTHER"
IF YOU WANT ME TO... I DON'T MIND
OH NO, THERE'S NO NEED
BECAUSE IT ISN'T GOOD FOR THE BABY
YOU'RE DUE DATE IS IN ANOTHER MONTH RIGHT?
YUP!
I CAN TELL FROM THE BABY'S MOVEMENTS
NO, NO NEED.
DO YOU WANT TO FEEL IT?
THE GRAND GENERAL... NO, STRAUSS, HE'S
NOW NEGOTIATING WITH SOME TROUBLESOME PEOPLE FROM THE OTHER COUNTRIES, RIGHT?

THERE'S NO NEED TO HOLD A PEACE CONFERENCE WITH THE SEVEN KINGDOMS NOW...
NOT RIGHT BEFORE THE BIRTH OF HIS FIRST CHILD
BUT
THIS TALK ...
STRAUSS HAS BEEN PULLING IT TOGETHER FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS, RIGHT?
IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT THE POWERFUL NIGHT MONARCHY PONED
THE CONFERENCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES
THAT MAN IS JUST LIKE THAT ...
EVEN THOUGH THE NIGHT MONARCHY HASN'T BEEN DEFEATED IN OVER A HUNDRED YEARS,
EVERY TIME A CONFLICT BREAKS OUT, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE DEATHS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL THE CONFLICT IS.
OUR SIDE GAVE GROUND IN ORDER TO SAVE FACE FOR THE OTHER COUNTRIES
THIS WAY WE DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT WAR BREAKING OUT FOR ANOTHER 10 YEARS

IT IS ALSO FOR THIS CHILD. STRAUSS WANTS . .
TO BUILD THE LONGEST PERIOD OF PEACE POSSIBLE
THE CONTINENT
WHY IS HE GIVING GROUND ?
THAT MAN OBVIOUSLY HAS THE POWER TO COMPLETELY CONTROL
BUT STILL, THAT IS JUST HOW HE IS
IS IT TOO MUCH AMBITION OR LACK OF MORALE?
ALSO
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THAT'S RIGHT IF WAR BREAKS OUT
THE GRAND GENERAL WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BE WITH HIS CHILD.
.....
DOES SHE REALLY HATE ME ?
PLEASE DON'T MIND HER TOO MUCH
REGARDING PRINCESS ADELHEID

I HAD HEARD THAT IF I HADN'T APPEARED ...
THE PRINCESS WOULD HAVE MARRIED STRAUSS.
THAT THEY COULDN'T WAIT UNTIL HE WAS 1000 BEFORE CROWNING HIM.
WITH HIS MAJESTY, GOTTFRIED, AT THE FOREFRONT ...
THE ELDERS, THE ARMY AND THE OFFICIALS WERE ALL SUPPORTIVE OF THE IDEA.
IF HE HAD MARRIED THE PRINCESS ...
IT'S VERY LIKELY HE WOULD HAVE BEEN CROWNED BEFORE HE EVEN TURNED 300.
FOR THIS COUNTRY, THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN AN INCREDIBLE FEAT!
EVEN NOW, THAT'S STILL OVER A HUNDRED YEARS AWAY.
THE FACT THAT HE HAD MARRIED A MORTAL HUMAN LIKE YOU, IS NOT AN ISSUE.
THE ONLY PROBLEM IS THE PRINCESS' PERSONAL FEELINGS.

SECRETLY GLARING AT YOU FROM A DISTANCE IS THE MOST EXTREME THING SHE WOULD DO.
JUDGING FROM THE PRINCESS' PERSONALITY ...
SHE'S A GIRL WITH AN INTENSE INFERIORITY COMPLEX
SHE COULD NEVER ACCEPT THE FACT THAT
A LITTLE VILLAGE GIRL LIKE YOURSELF WAS ABLE TO COMPLETELY OCCUPY STRAUSS' HEART!
IF ANYTHING WERE TO HAPPEN, I WOULD JUST NEED TO LEAVE, THAT'S ALL.
EVEN IF I HAD A CHILD WITH ME I COULD STILL SURVIVE ANYWHERE
YOU WILL JUST HAVE TO BEAR WITH IT.
SHE'S JUST THAT KIND OF QUIRKY PERSON
EVEN IF I CAN'T BEAR IT, I CAN STILL THINK OF SOLUTIONS ...
BUT I'M NOT REALLY WORRIED ...
IS ALSO A PROBLEM.
YOU BEING SO UNDEMANDING ...

YOU ALSO DON'T HAVE ANY JEWELS RIGHT ?
WITHOUT EVEN A MAID TO ASSIST YOU!
AS THE GRAND GENERAL'S WIFE, TO BE LIVING IN SUCH AN "ORDINARY" LITTLE COTTAGE
YES I DO!
SEE?
BUT STRAUSS MADE THAT FROM A STONE !
PERSONALLY, I'M VERY ENVIOUS, BUT IT HAS NO MONETARY VALUE
IT'S NOT A CRIME TO ASK HIM FOR A PROPER RING TO REPRESENT YOUR MARRIAGE !
AH
BUT ...
I HAVE NO NEED FOR THINGS LIKE THAT

THE FACT THAT THE BUSY MISS BRIDGET
ACTUALLY CAME TO VISIT ME
MAKES ME HAPPY
I'M, I'M NOT
I DIDN'T COME JUST TO GET INTO YOUR GOOD GRACES
I'M ONLY HERE
TO OFFICIALLY CONGRATULATE YOU.
I KEPT ON DOING THINGS TO HARASS YOU.
IT'S ALL RIGHT. I DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THOSE THINGS.
AND EVEN DURING THE WEDDING. I RAN OFF AFTER PULLING PRANKS
UH ...

WHENEVER I THINK OF HIM CARING FOR THAT CHILD FROM NOW ON...
I GET EVEN MORE UPSET
AND CARING LESS FOR ME
TO TELL THE TRUTH
I DISLIKE YOU. YOU WHO ARE SO EASILY CONTENTED
AND THE FACT THAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO GIVE BIRTH TO STRAUSS' CHILD...
IS THE ME WHO THINKS THAT WAY.
HOWEVER, WHAT IRRITATES ME THE MOST
AND SO, DURING THE TIME THAT YOU ARE STILL ALIVE I'LL JUST HAVE TO ENDURE IT
THINKING THINGS THROUGH THERE REALLY WON'T BE ANYONE WHO LL STAY WITH STRAUSS R THAN
ESIDES YOU'LL ONLY LIVE FOR OTHER SO YEARS O
AND THEN I'LL BECOME THE FOSTER MOTHER FOR YOUR BABY

I WISH YOU HAPPINESS...
FOR THE REST OF YOUR SHORT LIFE.
EH?
EVEN THOUGH YOU SAID HAPPINESS...
IT SOUNDS MORE LIKE...
"I'M WAITING FOR YOU TO DIE."
NO, NO.
EVEN SO I WILL STILL BLESS YOU YOU DON'T WANT THAT
MAY YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL CHILD...

GOOD OR BAD ...
IT WILL ALL DEPEND ON THE MOON'S BLESS-ING
AND THAT WAS THE LAST TIME
I SAW STELLA ALIVE.
THE NEXT NIGHT, I FOUND STELLA AND HER BABY ...
IN A SEA OF BLOOD...

THAT NIGHT, AFTER I HAD FINISHED MY WORK...
I WENT AND PATROLLED THE STREETS ...
I BETTER GO CHECK ON STELLA!
EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT HER DUE DATE YET, THINGS MIGHT HAPPEN TO CAUSE THE BABY TO COME EARLY.
BEST TO BE ON ALERT.
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU ...
BUT HOW ARE YOU FEELING STELLA

THIS
IS
STELLA
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AH
...

WHAT ... WHAT ...
AH ...
AH!
WHAT ... IS THIS ???

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!?!?!

YES !!
THE NEWS OF THE GRAND LADY'S DEATH MUST NOT LEAK OUT !
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HOWEVER ...
WERE THERE ANY SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS DISCOVERED NEARBY ?
AND THE GUARDS IN ALL SECTORS ...
ARE TO CHECK FOR THE SCENT AND SIGNS OF INTRUDERS !
MISS BRIDGET ...
IT'S BEEN THOROUGHLY PIERCED BY A SHARP BLADE ...
AND COMPLETELY DISSECTED.
YOU CAN BARELY TELL THAT THE REMAINS... ARE HUMAN.
THERE IS NO WAY TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF DEATH.

THE MURDERER HAD REMOVED HIM FROM THE WOMB
TO DELIBERATELY KILL HIM.
I SEE
AS FOR THE FETUS ...
IT IS DEAD, EVEN THOUGH IT HAS INHERITED THE STRONG LIFE FORCE OF THE VAMPIRE BLOOD
I UNDERSTAND ...
I'LL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS ...
I HAD COME EARLIER !!
IF ONLY ...
WE MUST INFORM HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
THE GENERAL IS IN A PEACE CONFERENCE RIGHT ?
HOW ARE WE GOING TO INFORM THE GRAND GENERAL ?

HOW CAN WE KEEP SUCH AN IMPORTANT MATTER FROM THE GENERAL!?
BUT, BUT, HOW-
!?
THERE'S NO NEED TO INFORM HIM.
I'LL TELL HIM!!
EVEN IF IT IS THE GENERAL HOW CAN ANYONE KEEP CALM ONCE THEY FIND OUT?
IT MIGHT EVEN DESTROY THE PEACE CONFERENCE
AT HAS TAKEN TEN YEARS TO COME ABOUT!
BUT THE NORMAL STRAUSS WOULD PROBABLY AGREE WITH THIS DECISION.
MAYBE IT'S VERY CRUEL-
BUT!
SHUT UP!
I'LL SHOULDER THAT RESPONSIBILITY!
FOR ALL I KNOW THIS MIGHT EVEN BE A PLOT TO DESTROY THE PEACE CONFERENCE.
IN MANY COUNTRIES, ANTI-PEACE GROUPS ARE ACTING UP...
FOR THIS TO HAPPEN TO STELLA, I CAN ONLY THINK OF THIS RE. SON ...

USE MAGIC TO PRESERVE THE BODY
TRY YOUR BEST TO RESTORE THE BODY TO ITS ORIGINAL IMAGE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
YES!!
BEFORE THE GRAND GENERAL RETURNS, TREAT THE BODY WITH ALL DUE RESPECT.
EVEN STRAUSS, WHOM THE PEOPLE CALL UNSHAKABLE, GOING OUT OF CONTROL WOULD NOT BE OUT OF THE QUESTION.
IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO STELLA!!
I'LL INFORM HIM IMMEDIATELY!
AND WHEN HE RETURNS ...
EVEN I DIDN'T SUSPECT ADELHEID.
I WAS SO STUPID.

I KNEW SHE HAD A MOTIVE.
BUT I COULDN'T IMAGINE THAT SHE COULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
AFTER STELLA'S DEATH ...
ADELHEID DIDN'T CHANGE.
SHE ACTED LIKE SHE ALWAYS DID ...
CONSTANTLY WORRYING ABOUT EVERYONE'S OPINION OF HER.
IF SHE HAD MURDERED IT WOULDN'T BE STRANGE TO HAVE THAT KIND OF BEHAVIOR.
BUT BECAUSE SHE HAD ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT, I NEVER NOTICED

AND SO, TWO WEEKS LATER ...
STRAUSS RETURNED TO THE NIGHT MONARCHY AFTER SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDING OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME IMMEDIATELY !?
IT'S BEEN TWO WEEKS, AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN INFORM ME!!
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING ?!?
.....

NO...
YOUR DECISION WAS CORRECT...
IT WAS NECESSARY...
OTHERWISE THE PEACE CONFERENCE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL..
I'M SORRY
DAMN IT!
WHAT DID I REALLY THE CONFERENCE FOR?
NO...
WHAT AM I SAYING?
STRAUSS...
THE BODY... IS IN THERE.
EVEN THOUGH YOU WON'T LISTEN...
BUT I THINK IT'S BEST IF YOU DON'T LOOK.

SOB... SOB...
SECRETLY... THE INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY...
TO FIND STELLA'S MURDERER
STRAUSS...
.....

EVEN THOUGH, THERE ARE NO LEADS,
DUE TO THE SITUATION AND THE METHOD ...
WE CAN DEDUCE THAT THE MURDERER IS PROBABLY FROM A NEIGHBOURING COUNTRY.
.....
AN OPPOSITION TO THE PEACE TREATY ?
I CANNOT BE 100% POSITIVE ...
BUT THE POSSIBILITY IS HIGH.
BUT I HAD NOTICED SOMETHING ...
THAT PENDANT IS GONE.
PENDANT ?
THE ONE YOU HAD MADE WITH YOUR OWN HANDS FOR STELLA.
STELLA ALWAYS WORE IT.
IT HAS DISAPPEARED.
STRANGE SINCE IT HAS NO VALUE OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT IT WAS MADE BY YOU.

BUT WHO WILL COMMAND IT ?
THERE WILL BE PROBLEMS IF THE GRAND GENERAL IS CONDUCTING IT HIMSELF-
ANYWAY, WE NEED TO BROADEN THE SEARCH AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF STELLA'S DEATH
EVEN IF THEY WANTED TO MAKE ROBBERY SEEM LIKE THE MOTIVE, IT'S STILL VERY SUSPICIOUS.
.....
STOP ALL THE INVESTIGATIONS.
WHAT ?
YOU HAVE OVERESTIMATED ME ...
WHY !?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING !?!?
HOW CAN WE LET IT BE SHATTERED SO EASILY ?
EVEN THOUGH THERE IS A TIME LIMIT TO IT. THERE IS PEACE AT LAST.
ALSO DON'T ANNOUNCE STELLA'S DEATH.
AND THE BURIAL WILL BE DONE IN SECRECY.

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IF I WERE TO KNOW WHICH COUNTRY WAS THE MASTER-MIND ...
I WOULD DESTROY IT IMMEDI-ATELY !!

THE PEACE TREATY OR WHATEVER ELSE WOULDN'T MATTER ...
I WOULD, IN ONE NIGHT ...
MAKE THAT COUNTRY DISAPPEAR WITHOUT A TRACE !!!

IF I DON'T KNOW WHO THE MASTER-MIND IS
I CAN ... STILL BEAR IT ...
ONLY BY LETTING THE MATTER END NOW ...
WHILE I STILL DON'T KNOW THE TRUTH, CAN I KEEP MY STAND.
STELLA... MUST...
SHE WOULD... WISH... THAT I DO SO...
STRUSS
STRUSS
STRUSS...STRUSS

LET'S GO ...
EVEN THOUGH THERE'S PEACE ...
BRIDGET.
THERE'RE STILL A LOT OF THINGS TO DO FOR THE COUNTRY.
HE BROUGHT ABOUT PEACE AND GLORY NEVER SEEN BEFORE.
FROM THEN ON, STRAUSS EXISTED ONLY FOR THE COUNTRY.

THE CITIZENS OF THE NIGHT MONARCHY ENJOYED UNPREC-EDENTED FORTUNE.
BUT, THE ONE WHO BROUGHT IT ALL ABOUT ...
COULD ONLY EXIST IN A VOID THAT CAN NEVER BE FILLED.
EVEN THOUGH I KNEW ...
I ...
WAS UNABLE TO DO A THING.

I COULDN'T HELP BUT THINK ...
.....
I WAS UNABLE TO FILL THAT MAN'S HEART ?
WHY IS IT THAT IN THE END ...
WHEN WE FOUND OUT THAT ADELHEID WAS THE MURDERER... IF I HAD WORKED HARDER THEN...
FIFTEEN YEARS LATER ....
WOULD I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PREVENT THE COLLAPSE OF EVERYTHING ?
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SIGH ...

THE SHIP WILL LAND IN ANOTHER TWO HOURS RIGHT?
WE'LL STOP HERE.
EVEN THOUGH YOU GUYS PROBABLY HAVE QUESTIONS, WE'LL GET TO THEM LATER.
I NEED TO REST FOR A BIT.
THAT'S ALL RIGHT...
BUT CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
SO EVEN NOW...
YOUR FEELINGS TOWARDS AKABARA ARE STILL...
DON'T ASK SUCH DISRESPECTFUL QUESTIONS
YOU'RE TOO NAIVE.

IT IS THAT SO I'LL HATE HIM
POINT LESS QUES TION ...
THAT GIRL, STELLA REMINDS ME OF YUKI...
THE MORE I KNOW, THE MORE CON- FUSED I AM.
DAMN IT
ALSO

BUT UNDERNEATH IT ALL, IS HE THE TYPE THAT WILL UTTERLY LOSE TO HIS FEELINGS?
MR ROSE SEEMS VERY LOGICAL...
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THAT MAN...
WHAT HE SAID AND WHAT HE DID ARE ALL VERY LOGICAL, BUT THERE ARE THINGS THAT STILL DON'T ADD UP.
THIS MUST BE THE WORST DEVELOPMENT RIGHT?
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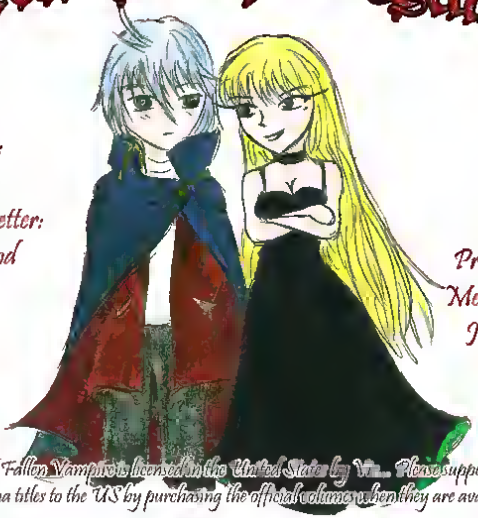

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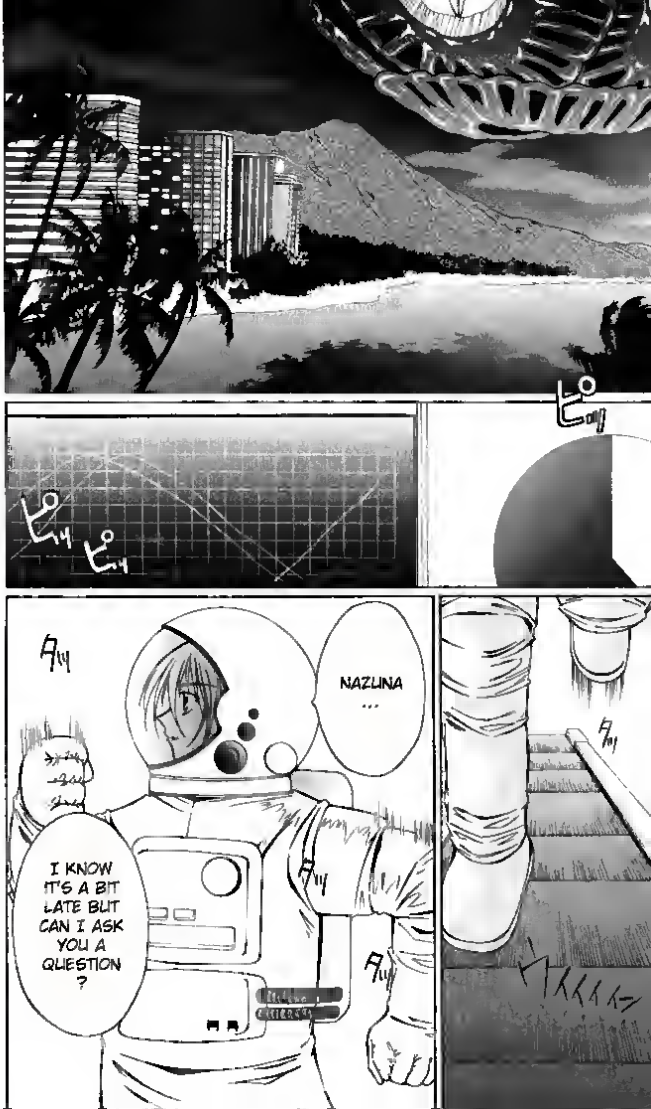
NAZUNA ...
I KNOW IT'S A BIT LATE BUT CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION ?

THE TEMPERATURE OF THE BATTERIES HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED
REMOVAL OF CARBON DIOXIDE
AND THE REST ARE ALL NORMAL
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THE SPACESUIT RIGHT ?
WHAT IS IT ?
YOU DON'T TRUST THE DURABILITY OF ALL THE EXPERIMENTAL MATERIALS THAT WE ARE USING, RIGHT?
BUT YOU COULDN'T HELP BUT FEEL WORRIED
NAZUNA
THAT'S JUST IT ...
WE HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE
BECAUSE NO HUMAN WAS ABLE TO MOVE AFTER PUTTING ON THAT SUIT
SUCH AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF EQUIPMENT AND IT'S STILL IN THE EXPERIMENTAL STAGE ?!
I HAVE TO WEAR THIS SUIT AND ENTER THE ALIEN CRAFT BY MYSELF ...

AND SO WE HUMANS WERE NOT ABLE TO PERFORM MOVEMENT TESTS ON IT.
HAVEN'T BEEN CREATED TO COMBAT ALIENS.
ALL THE PREVIOUS SPACESUITS
JUST BENDING A JOINT WOULD CREATE OVER 100 KILOS OF STRESS.
THE SUIT'S TOTAL WEIGHT IS OVER 300 KG.
AFTER ALTERING IT TO SUIT COMBAT NEEDS ...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU'RE MORE DARING THAN THIS!
ISN'T THAT ASKING TOO MUCH?
BUT TO TRUST MY LIFE TO THIS EXPERIMENTAL SUIT ...
DURING THE CONVERSATION, ARE THERE ANY CHANGES TO HIS CARBON DIOXIDE EXHALATION?
JUST WORK HARDER!
IF YOU CAN WAIT, YOUR TRUST IN US WILL RISE!
HMM ...

WAS HE ABLE TO CONTROL THEM CONSCIOUSLY?
HMMM... DID ALL THE OTHER MEASUREMENTS HOLD STEADY TOO?
IT'S SCARILY STABLE RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING
NONE
RATHER THAN SAY SCARY, I WOULD THINK THAT IT'S ACTUALLY REASSURING
A NORMAL PERSON WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DEFEAT THE ALIENS.
WHEN A NORMAL PERSON WOULD'VE ALREADY SHATTERED HIS JOINTS?
MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHY IS HE ABLE TO WALK SO NORMALLY
TRUE
ACTUALLY AKABARA...
SHOULD NOT BE TOLERATING THIS KIND OF TREATMENT
NOW LOOKS LIKE A LAB ANIMAL IN ITS CAGE
HE WHO WAS ONCE THE KING OF AN EMPIRE

THAT PERSON, WHETHER IT'S HIS ABILITIES OR HIS PERSONALITY, IS ALWAYS ABOVE HUMAN NO MATTER WHAT HE SUFFERS FROM.
JUST WHAT KIND OF CURSE CAUSED HIM TO FALL SO FAR? I'M VERY INTERESTED, BUT...
IF I DID ASK, THE ANSWERS...
WILL SURELY CAUSE ME TO REGRET ASKING THE QUESTIONS.
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HOWEVER...
EVEN WITH THAT KIND OF PAST...
HE IS STILL ABLE TO APPEAR UNAFFECTED.
HE COULD BE THE TYPE WHERE HIS WILL IS STRONGER THAN HIS BODY.

I.....
WHAT KIND OF PAST HE HAD ENDURED...
IF "OVER MOON" IS TO SUCCEED.
I MUST KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON HIM.
THE BLACK SWAN'S DESTINY!
CAN ONLY OBEY...
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IN THE END...

YUP
WE DESTROYED THEM ALL BUT STILL, THERE'S NO SIGN OF THE QUEEN.
ALL THE SEALS IN THE COUNTRY ARE FAKE ?
EVEN THOUGH WE HAD ALREADY PLANNED FOR IT
AT THIS POINT IN TIME ...
GOING ACROSS THE OCEAN WILL TAKE TIME.
AND SO, WE NEED TO GO OVERSEAS. THIS WILL ONLY CAUSE MORE TROUBLE
IS IT ?
THAT FELLOW JIN...
HAS FALLEN SICK DUE TO OF FORCING HIMSELF.
The result seems to be his injuries are catching up with him.

KAYUKI WISHES FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE VAMPIRE KING...
SO CAN YOU PLEASE SEND IT TO US AFTER YOU HAD HEARD EVERY-THING ?
IT'S NO BIG DEAL, BUT ...
WHAT ABOUT THE SITUATION ON YOUR SIDE?
I HAD HEARD THAT AMERICA AND FRANCE IS NOW FEELING HESITANT ABOUT GOING TO WAR.
IN FACT, THEY ARE THINKING ABOUT AGREEING TO THE ALIENS' DEMANDS.
WHERE DID YOU HEAR THAT FROM ?
SO I WAS RIGHT ?

THAT'S GOOD.
THEY WON'T AFFECT THE SITUATION.
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY. IT'S JUST THE ACTION OF A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE.
MISS BRIDGET TOLD ME JUST NOW.
SHE SAID TO ASK ABOUT THAT MATTER IF I WAS MEETING YOU
MISS BRIDGET...
SHE'S SO SUPERB IN EVERY WAY.
HOWEVER...
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE...
AND SHARP POLITICAL SENSES, ARE ALL WONDERFULLY CONCENTRATED IN HER
SHE'S ALREADY USED TO SMALL GROUP ACTIONS

I'M VERY AWARE OF THAT.
I HAVE NO INTENTIONS OF GOING AGAINST HER.
NO ...
MY POINT IS ...
THE ONE WHO TAUGHT THAT LADY EVERYTHING SHE KNOWS, WAS THE VAMPIRE KING.
AND THAT DISCIPLE ...
DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT SHE HAS REACHED HER MASTER'S LEVEL.
IF WE WERE TO BECOME THAT MAN'S ENEMY ...
DO WE HAVE ANY CHANCE OF WINNING ?
WE HAVE KAYLIKI.
KAYLIKI, WHO HAS BEEN POSSESSED BY THE BLACK SWAN, HAS THE ABILITY TO KILL HIM.
WITH THAT ALONE, WE HAVE AN ADVANTAGE OVER THE DHAMPIRES.
BUT STILL, THE MISSY IS ONLY 17 RIGHT?

KAYUKI IS MATURE FOR HER AGE.
WEAKNESS OF THE WILL CAN STILL WEAKEN THE STRONGEST STRENGTH.
WILL SHE BE ABLE TO HOLD UP TO THE STRESS ?
.....
IF SO ...
WHEN FACING THAT EVIL MAN...
SHE WON'T DEVELOP ANY SYMPATHY OR HESITATION TOWARDS HIM!
WE ARE ON THE JUST SIDE.
WILL MISS KILL EVEN GOOD PEOPLE FOR THE SAKE OF THE OBJECTIVE ?
WHAT IF WHAT THE VAMPIRE KING DID WAS JUSTIFIED ?

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, SHE MUST TREAT THE VAMPIRE KING AS THE ENEMY.
.....
PLEASE BE SELECTIVE OF WHAT YOU TELL HER.
IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE SLIP IN SOME FALSE INFORMATION THAT WILL BENEFIT US.
I UNDERSTAND.
AND I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR PERFORMANCE.

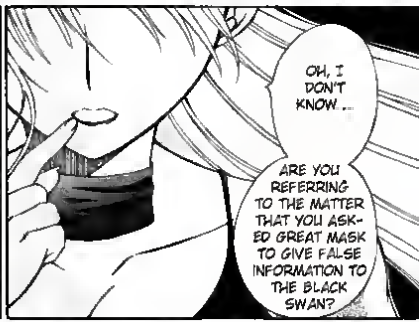
HEY
BRIDGET!
WHAT ELSE WOULD MORISHIMA DO?
SHOULDN'T YOU BE MORE WARY OF HIM?
EVEN IF HE'S AN ALLY NOW WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HE PLANNING, RIGHT?
YOU SHOULD KEEP AN EYE-
THERE'S NO PROBLEM.

THAT'S WHY WE MUST BE EVEN MORE WARY!
LEAVING HIM ALONE, HE CAN STILL ACHIEVE THE BEST RESULTS.
EVEN THOUGH HE HAS SOME WEIRD QUIRKS, HE IS ACTUALLY AN OUTSTANDING MAN.
YOU SHOULDN'T BE SAYING THESE THINGS IN FRONT OF SAID PERSON!
ALSO ...
WHAT IS NEXT IS TO SEE THROUGH THEM, SO AS TO BE ABLE TO REACT TO THEM.
STUPID. THE "BEST" RESULTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DETERMINED.
OH CRAP ...
EAVESDROPPING IS NO GOOD AT ALL!
GOING UP AGAINST YOU...
REALLY!

EVEN IF I DON'T SAY ANY-THING,
YOU WOULD AL-READY HAVE KNOWN RIGHT?
HA!

YOU HAD VERY SKILLFULLY CONCEALED YOUR PRESENCE.
SO ...
HOW WAS YOUR TALK WITH GM?

NO, I'M JUST GUESS-ING WHAT YOU WOULD DO.
OBVI-OUSLY YOU KNOW..


OH, I DON'T KNOW ..
ARE YOU REFERRING TO THE MATTER THAT YOU ASK-ED GREAT MASK TO GIVE FALSE INFORMATION TO THE BLACK SWAN?

EVEN IF IT'S ONLY ONCE, I WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE TO SURPRISE YOU
JUST WHAT ARE YOU?

WORK HARD THEN!
IF IT'S YOU, THEN ANOTHER 200 YEARS OF PRACTICE AND YOU MIGHT JUST HAVE A ONE-IN-A-MILLION CHANCE.
I'M JUST AN ORDINARY HUMAN
How could I possibly live for another 200 years?
I CAN NEVER SUCCEED
FOR THAT MATTER, NOT AGAINST AKABARA EITHER.
FOR US HUMANS, IT'S JUST A DREAM...
RIGHT, BIG SISTER?
.....
NO HUMAN CAN MATCH UP AGAINST STRAUSS!
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT!!

WHAT !?
THERE WAS ONE ...
THERE WAS ONE, WHO EVEN THOUGH HE WAS HUMAN, COULD STILL MATCH UP AGAINST STRAUSS.
WITH OVER 500 DISCIPLES ALL OVER THE WORLD,
HE BECAME THE FOCUS CENTER FOR ALL OF HUMANITY'S SPIRITUAL POWER, AND USED IT FOR COMBAT.
AFTER 30 YEARS, HE BECAME THE GREATEST ENEMY OF THE NIGHT MONARCHY. A SPIRITUAL MASTER ...
"INFINITE CROSS SABERHAGEN."
THE ONE PEOPLE CALLED ...
SABERHAGEN !?
INFI- INFINITE CROSS-

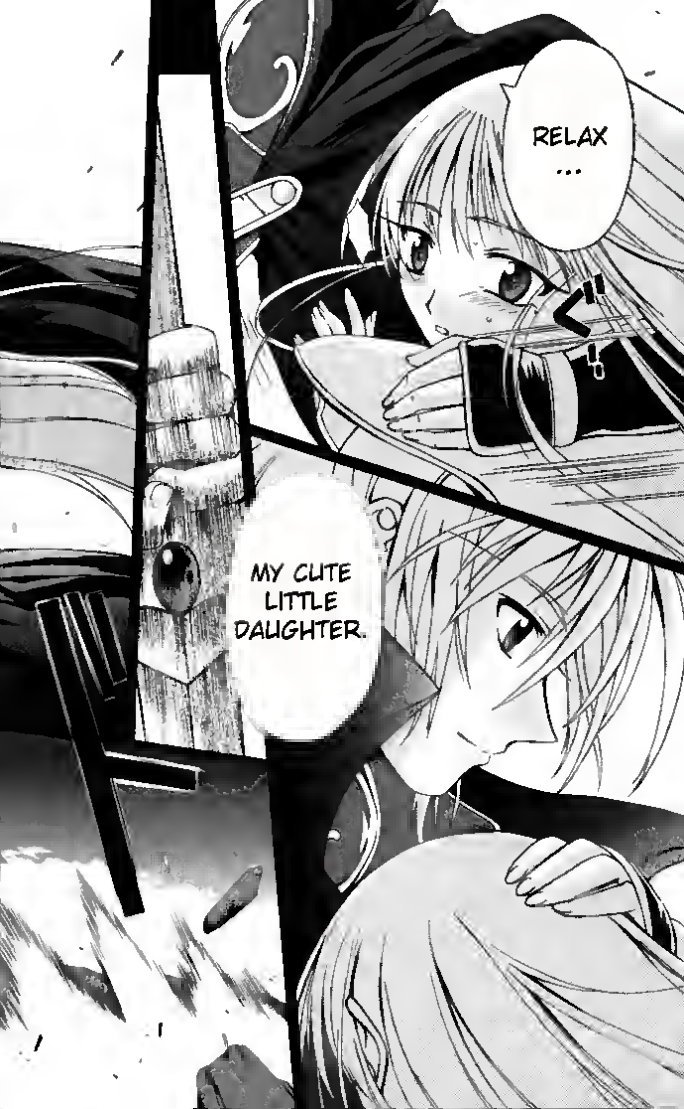
I GUESS FOR THE SAKE OF THE STORY...
I'LL EXPLAIN ABOUT HIM SOME MORE...
THE FIRST TIME HE FOUGHT AGAINST STRAUSS...
WAS SHORTLY AFTER STRAUSS BECAME A GENERAL.
STRAUSS...

THE ENEMY HAS ALREADY LOST OVER 500 SOLDIERS
AND WE'VE ONLY LOST TEN
VICTORY IS OURS!
THE ENEMY CAN'T POSSIBLY CONTINUE
.....
NO ...
IT SEEMS THAT I HAVE BEEN LURED HERE
EH ?
THE WHOLE BATTLE APPEARS TO BE A TRAP.
!?

THIS THIS IS AN INTERNAL-DESTRUCTION SEAL? POWERED BY SPIRITUAL ENERY...
AND IT'S SO POWERFUL!
HOW COULD I HAVE NOT NOTICED SUCH A POWERFUL SEAL?
SACRIFICING 500 SOLDIERS JUST TO LURE YOU INTO THE TRAP...
IT WOULD'VE BEEN TROUBLESOME IF YOU HADN'T FALLEN FOR IT

COULD YOU BE-
SABER-HAGEN ?
THAT'S RIGHT.
I AM THE ONE CALLED -
"INFINITE CROSS SABER-HAGEN" !
YOUNG VAMPIRE GENERAL...

LET US SAY FAREWELL FOREVER!
EVEN THOUGH IT'S REGRETFUL...
BY THE GUIDANCE OF MY POWERS...
DESCEND...
TO HELL!!
ARGH...
NO! IT'LL BE A DIRECT HIT!
SUCH A STRONG SEAL CANNOT BE BROKEN IN A SHORT TIME!


RELAX ...
MY CUTE LITTLE DAUGHTER.

YOU'RE QUITE INGENIOUS
ENGINEERING THIS BATTLE AND THE BATTLEFIELD JUST TO TRAP ME.
THUS THE NAME, "INFINITE."
WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF A THOUSAND SEALS
AND THE EXPERTISE OF A THOUSAND WEAPONS, HE WAS ABLE TO MAXIMIZE HIS POWERS BY USING BOTH APPROACHES.
A MONSTER THAT EVEN SURPASSES NORMAL VAMPIRES!
YOU ACTUALLY MANAGED TO BREAK A SEAL THAT NEEDED THE BLOOD OF A THOUSAND AND FIVE DAYS TO SET UP!
THAT HAS APPEARED IN MY FORECAST?
ARE YOU THE RED ROSE OR CALAMITY...

ONCE MAY YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE THE AMBITION TO DESTROY ALL THE HUMAN COUNTRIES ...
AND BUILD A VAMPIRE EMPIRE RIGHT?
THUS, FOR THE SAKE OF HUMANS ...
I MUST BET EVERY-THING I HAVE ...
OK SENDING YOU TO YOUR FUNERAL !!
SABER-HAGEN ...
YOU'RE EVEN MORE CA-PABLE THAN RU-MOURED ...
BUT, I DON'T HAVE ANY AMBITIONS FOR BUILDING AN EMPIRE!

WHAT I DESIRE IS A BALANCE BETWEEN THE TWO RACES !!
BUT YOU HOLD THE POTEN TIAL FOR FUL-FILLING THAT AMBITION!
IT IS THE SAME AS HAVING THAT AMBITION!
YOUR VERY EXISTENCE DISRUPTS THAT BALANCE.
.....

HOW CAN THERE EVEN BE SUCH A HUMAN!?
SABER-HAGEN ...
AND EVEN WENT ONE-ON-ONE WITH HIM!?
HE SET UP A TRAP FOR STRAUSS
HOW-EVER...
STRAUSS HAS FRE-QUENTLY SAID...
STRAUSS FORCED HIM TO RETREAT SHORTLY AFTER-WARD.
NO ...
CHE ...
THEN ...
SABER-HAGEN WON RIGHT?

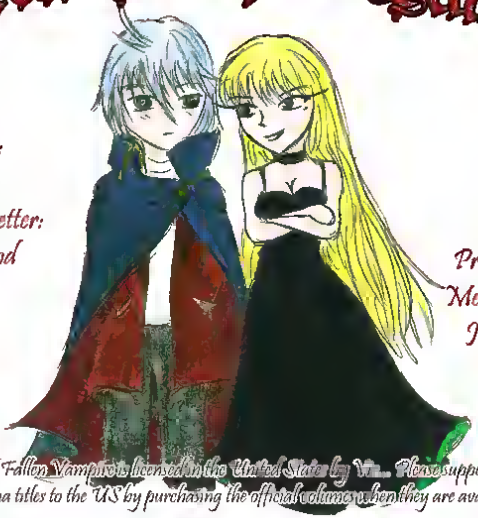
"HE IS VERY FRIGHTENING. MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY PERSONAL DESIRES ..."
HE IS SO STUBBORN AND DOESN'T KNOW WHEN TO BACK OFF!"
AFTER-WARDS ...
SABER-HAGEN ALLIED WITH VARI-OUS MILI-TARY ARMIES.
IN ORDER TO DEFEAT STRAUSS ...
HE CAME UP WITH ALL SORTS OF SEALS, BATTLE PLANS AND CURSES...
JUST AS HE HAD SAID ...
AND CROSS-ED SWORDS WITH STRAUSS NUMEROUS TIMES
OF COURSE, STRAUSS NEVER EVEN LOST ONCE.
THIS IS ALSO WHY THE NIGHT MONARCHY WAS SEEN AS THE STRONGEST POWER ON THE CONTINENT.

DOESN'T THAT MEAN STRAUSS IS UN-BEATABLE?
.....
YOUR PERCEP-TIVENESS IS TOO SHALLOW.
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ...
WHAT HAPPENED AFTER ADELHEID WENT OUT OF CONTROL?
THAT'S RIGHT.
ADELHEID WAS SEALED ...
AND AFTER-WARDS ...

HIS CURSE STILL EXISTS EVEN AFTER A THOUSAND YEARS. TORMENTING STRAUSS ...
IT WILL EVENTUALLY KILL HIM.
EVEN THOUGH HIS BODY IS LONG GONE
IN THE END, THE ONE WHO WON WAS A HUMAN. SABERHAGEN.
NOT ONLY THAT, HE HAD ALSO SET UP THOUSANDS OF FAKE SEALS.
THE ONE WHO RELEASED THE BLACK SWAN ONTO THIS WORLD WAS SABERHAGEN.

THE RECORD OF FALLEN VAMPIRE

Fallen Vampire Scans



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5 years after Stella's death...

Grand General Akabara Strauss married the Princess Adelheid...

CHAPTER 23
MOONLIGHT OF CORROSION

THE BLOOMING ERA OF RED ROSE ...
BEGINS
AND WAS CROWNED KING.
CHAPTER 23
MOONLIGHT OF CORROSION

In the ninth year of Strauss' reign, the surrounding countries were all wary of the "Red Rose king". They started discussions for an alliance against the Night Monarchy. Even within the Night Monarchy itself, there were opinions that Strauss' strength was actually a problem.

The next year, the Alliance was formed.

At the same time, the Night Monarchy's Council of Elders decided to execute the "Red Rose King".

THE ELDERS ...
ARE PLOTTING TO KILL YOU.
.....
I KNOW.
THE OTHER COUNTRIES HAD FORMED AN ALLIANCE IN ORDER TO ATTACK THE NIGHT MONARCHY.
AND ONE OF THE REASONS IS THAT THEY FEAR ME.

ONCE THE ELDERS HAND OVER MY BODY, THE ALLIANCE WILL FALL APART.
AND WAR WILL BE AVERTED
THE ELDERS' DECISION IS CORRECT.
I'LL BE TAKING CARE OF ALL MY LOOSE ENDS
I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE ELDERS TO COME
NO!
IT'S TOO MUCH
WHY IS THERE NO OTHER WAY THAN FOR YOU TO DIE?
FOR THE SAKE OF THE COUNTRY... FOR THE PEOPLE.
YOU HAVE ALWAYS FOUGHT ON...
YOU HAVE EVEN SACRIFICED YOUR MOST PRECIOUS THING!
YOU ALWAYS DID THE RIGHT THING!!

IF THERE WILL BE A WAR, SO BE IT!!
NO MATTER HOW STRONG AN ARMY THE HUMANS COME UP WITH...
AS LONG AS STRAUSS AND I ARE HERE, OUR SIDE WON'T LOSE!
AH, THIS TIME, YOU DID NOTHING WRONG! NOTHING AT ALL!
IT'S JUST A BUNCH OF FOOLS FEARING THEIR OWN SHADOWS!!

MY POWERS
ARE TOO STRONG.
IT WAS JUST AS SABER-HAGEN HAS SAID.
THAT IS A CRIME.
.....
THAT'S ENOUGH
EVER SINCE I LOST STELLA ...
ALL I YEARN FOR IS MY DEATH.
IF I MISS THIS OPPORTU-NITY...
I WOULD HAVE TO DIRTY MY HANDS AGAIN, AND LIVE ON FOR ANOTHER FEW THOUSAND YEARS!
ONCE I THINK ABOUT THAT, I FEEL SO HEAVY...
YOU'RE TOO SELFISH.
WHAT 'BOUT ME?

AFTER I LOSE YOU...
YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO BE INDEPENDENT.
WON'T I HAVE TO LIVE ON FOR ANOTHER FEW THOUSANDS YEARS ALONE TOO?
MY CUTE LITTLE DAUGHTER ...

YOUR MAJESTY ...
I'M VERY SORRY ...
.....!!!
I DIDN'T EXPECT THINGS TO TURN OUT THIS WAY.
UNDER THE NAME OF THE YOUNG RED ROSE
WE SEEK TO CREATE AN INDESTRUCTIBLE COUNTRY.

PLEASE COOPERATE WITH US ...
AND DON'T DISPLAY ANY DISGRACEFUL RESISTANCE
YOU'RE BEING DISRESPECTFUL !!
EVEN IF YOU'RE AN-ELDER ...
DO YOU THINK THAT YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH TREATING HIS MAJESTY THIS WAY?
COME TO THINK OF IT, EVEN IF ALL THE ELDERS WERE TO GATHER TOGETHER ...
YOU STILL CAN'T DEFEAT HIS MAJESTY !!

EVEN THOUGH IT WAS VERY RUTHLESS ...
WE HAVE ALREADY ARRESTED HER MAJ-ESTY.
IF WE ARE UNABLE TO RETURN SAFELY, THEN WE CANNOT GUARANTEE HER SAFETY.
DO YOU DOUBT OUR WORDS ?
WE DO HAVE HER MAJESTY WITH US.
THIS SHOULD PROVE IT ...
WE HAVE CONFISCATED THIS PENDANT FROM QUEEN ADELHEID.
THAT !!..., THAT IS !!

THAT IS FROM FIFTEEN YEARS AGO...
THE PENDANT THAT WAS STOLEN FROM STELLA !!!
WHY ... WHY WOULD ADELHEID HAVE IT?
THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY STELLA'S MURDERER...
WAIT A MINUTE ... ADELHEID ...
DID HAVE A PERFECT MOTIVE FOR KILLING STELLA
AND SHE HAD ALWAYS WANTED IT
THE PENDANT HANDMADE BY STRAUSS.
IT WON'T BE STRANGE FOR HER TO TAKE IT FROM THE BODY!!

NO!
AND THEN HE WILL...!!
STRAUSS WANTS TO KILL ADELHEID !!

I WILL SUBMIT TO BEING EXECUTED.
I UNDERSTAND ...
NO ...
...
BRING ME TO ADELHEID!
STRAUSS !!
YOU CANNOT !!
STELLA STILL WON'T BE COMING BACK
EVEN IF YOU DO IT, STELLA ...!!

I WON'T LET YOU GET IN MY WAY!
EVEN IF IT'S YOU...
AHH...
UGH...
ARGH...
Definitely not!

IT WAS TWO HOURS LATER WHEN I REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS.
IT'S... JUST LIKE HIM...
EVEN NOW... HIS CONTROL IS STILL SO PRECISE...
THE IMPACT... WAS ONLY STRONG ENOUGH TO KNOCK ME UNCONSCIOUS?
BY THEN, THE DARKNESS OF THE MOONLIGHT OF CORROSION HAD ALREADY DESCENDED.
GRAND GENERAL !!
GENERAL !!

GRAND GEN-ERAL BRIDGET !!
ARGH... SO NOISY
NO NEED TO CALL SO MANY TIMES...
I CAN HEAR YOU!
IS HIS MAJESTY'S EXECUTION OVER AL-READY ...?
OR DID HER MAJESTY DIE FIRST?
...HUH?
IT'S... IT'S NOT THE TIME FOR THESE KIND OF WORDS!
ANY... ANYWAY PLEASE COME HERE!
THE SOUTH-WEST SIDE!
LOOK AT THE SOUTH-WEST!

WHAT ...
IN THE WORLD ...
IS THAT ...?

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CORR... CORRO-SION ...!?
IS THIS CAUSED BY MAGIC ...?
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I HAVE NEVER SEEN SUCH MAGIC BEFORE
JUST WHAT HAD HAPPENED THERE ...!?
NOBODY KNOWS !!
HOWEVER, TONIGHT ...
THERE HAD BEEN A GATHERING OF THE ELDERS & SPIRITUAL MASTERS THERE
AS THOUGH THEY WERE GOING TO CONDUCT SOMETHING !!

HER MAJESTY HAD LOST CONTROL OF HER POWERS
ACCORDING TO THE ELDER, COUNT DOMNITORI WHO HAD MANAGED TO FLEE HERE
THAT MEANS THEY HAD INTENDED TO HOLD IT NEARBY
SO STRAUSS EXECUTION DIDN'T INVOLVE THE MILITARY ...
HOWEVER ...
!!
A PURE-BLOODED VAMPIRE LIKE ADELHEID ...
COULD POSSIBLY HAVE SUCH UNEXPECTED POWER ...!
AND SHE LOST CONTROL OF HER POWER ...!
THAT MUST BE WHY!! ADELHEID WAS SO AFRAID OF BEING KILLED BY STRAUSS

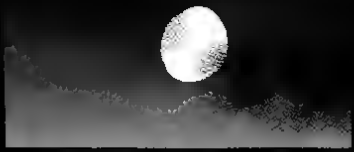
WHAT ELSE DID COUNT DOMNITORI SAY?
HE...
HE ONLY MANAGED TO SAY THAT BEFORE HE PASSED AWAY.
.....
AND THIS POWER...
MAY HAVE WARDED OFF STRAUSS!!
.....
BUT, NO MATTER
HOW SHOCKING THE POWER IS...
IN THIS COUNTRY ALONE THERE SHOULD BE A HUNDRED MORE INCLUDING THE ELDERS WHO ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN IT.
.....
ABOUT THAT...
WHAT ARE THEIR ACTIONS ON THIS MATTER!?
IF THEY ARE HERE THEY SHOULD HAVE ALREADY NULLIFIED THAT POWER!
ALL THE REMAINING VAMPIRES ARE ALREADY GATHERING THERE...
ATTEMPTING TO STABILISE THE BERSERK POWER!

AND IT'S ALREADY TAKING ALL THEIR POWERS TO JUST SLOW THE SPREAD!
.....!
NO... IT'S NOT ENOUGH JUST STOPPING IT!
JUDGING BY ITS POWER, IT SHOULD ALREADY HAVE CAUSED SEVERE DAMAGE TO THE NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES!
ALSO, IF THE COUNTS' POWERS WERE TO BE EXHAUSTED...
THIS DISASTER WILL SPREAD UNCHECKED.
IT... MIGHT EVEN ENGULF THE ENTIRE WORLD!

THIS DISASTER HAS DISRUPTED OUR COUNTRY
AND EVEN OUR NEIGHBOURS' CHAIN-OF-COMMAND
THEY ARE UNABLE TO CARRY OUT ANY EFFECTIVE MEASURES AGAINST IT!
THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SALVAGE THIS SITUATION IS YOU!!
WAIT, STRAUSS ...
IS STRAUSS SAFE ...?
STRAUSS ...
NO, HIS MAJESTY !!
WHERE IS HIS MAJESTY !?
WE TRIED LOOKING ... TO NO AVAIL ...
.....

USE MY MAGICAL & SPIRITUAL POWER WEBS TO SUMMON ALL SPIRITUAL MASTERS THAT ARE ABOVE THE THIRD LEVEL!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH COLINTRY THEY BELONG TO
REQUEST THEIR ASSISTANCE!!
GALAHAD! GLEN!
YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF EVACUATING THE CIVILIANS!
YES, MA'AM!!
SO NOTIFY ALL MY INTELLIGENCE AGENTS
NO MATTER HOW SMALL THE MATTER IS, EVERYTHING MUST BE REPORTED TO ME!

...RE TO ENSURE THE SMOOTH FLOW OF MATERIALS AND AID INTO THE NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES.
THE SECOND BATTALION OF SECURITY...
IF NEED BE, YOU MAY MOBILIZE THE FOURTH ARMY!
NOT JUST THE NIGHT MONARCHY, BUT ALL OF THE COUNTRIES THAT HAVE BEEN AFFECTED
ALSO ...
BUT IF IT IS HIM, HE WILL DEFINITELY SURVIVE!
THE CHANCES OF STRALISS BEING ATTACKED BY THAT POWER ARE VERY HIGH.
I WILL DO MY BEST IN WHAT EVER I CAN.
UNTIL HE RETURNS ...
I WISH TO CONTACT THAT INFINITE CROSS !!
SABER-HAGEN!



The First Day...

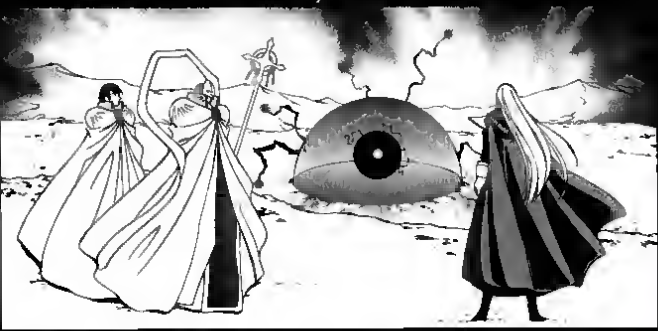
The "Corrosion" killed 2500 people and 10 vampires died of exhaustion.

The Second Day...

The Vampires and over 300 Spiritual Masters joined hands to control the "Corrosion, but it remains unchecked and continues to spread. Death toll rises to 6000.

The Third Day...

An alliance with Saberhagen was formed. The death toll continues to rise, surpassing 10,000.



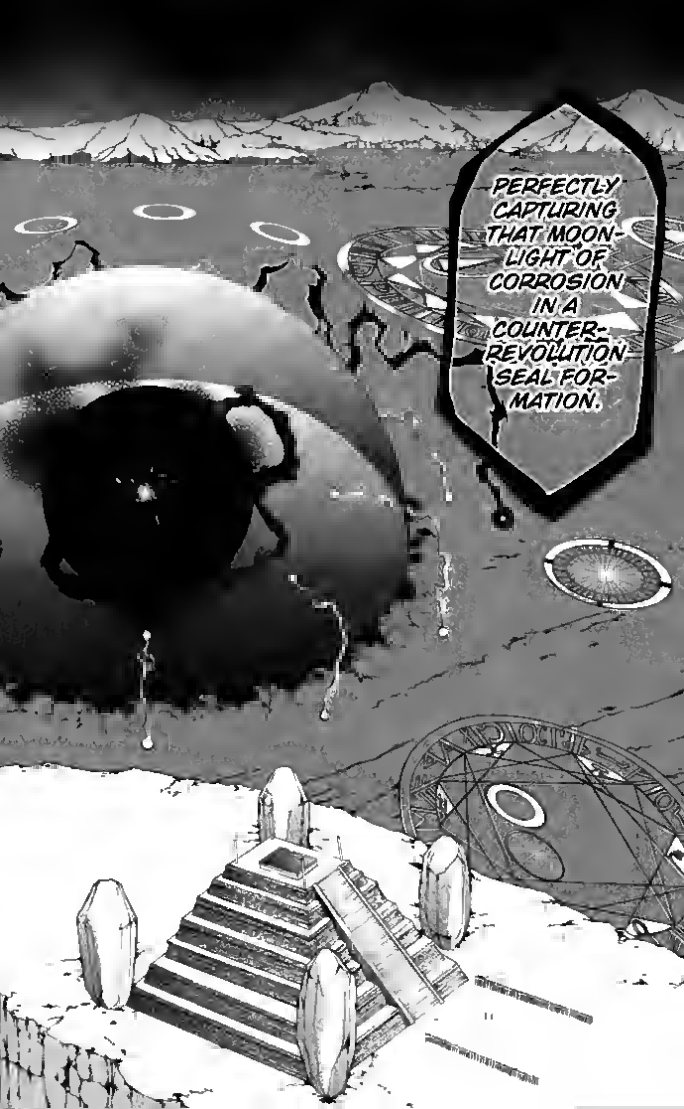
The Fifth Day – Night

THE DAUGHTER OF RED ROSE ...
WHY DID YOU ALLY WITH ME WITHOUT ANY HESITATION?
LET ME ASK YOU ONE MORE TIME ...
YOU ARE RESEARCHING,
ONE OR TWO WEIRD SEAL FORMATIONS THAT CAN TAKE DOWN STRONG VAMPIRES
IN ADDITION, HIS MAJESTY OFTEN SAID THAT ...
THIS SITUATION NEEDS THE ASSISTANCE OF STRONG SPIRITUAL MASTERS.
THEREFORE IT NEEDS YOU, YOU WHO HAVE OVER 500 DISCIPLES

YOU HAVE ALREADY FINISHED TWO SUCH SEAL FORMATIONS.
IN TRUTH
SO, NO MATTER WHAT, I HAVE TO ALLY WITH YOU.
THE PREPARATIONS FOR STARTING THEM WILL BE COMPLETED.
AND, IN A SHORT WHILE ...
MAYBE ALL THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED.
IF I WAS MORE CAREFUL ...
SO WHAT?
I AM THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DECISION TO EXECUTE RED ROSE.
HOWEVER ...

WHEN FACING THE END OF THE WORLD
WHO HAS THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT SUCH PETTY GRIEVANCES?
MISS BRIDGET...
I THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.
DIDN'T YOU MAKE THAT MAN YOUR ENEMY JUST BECAUSE OF SOME PETTY GRIEVANCES!
BESIDES
WHEN THIS STARTED...
IF YOU HAD NOT ORGANISED THE CIVILIANS AND THE MILITARY, REGARDLESS OF THEIR NATIONALITIES...
THE DISASTER WOULD HAVE BEEN TEN TIMES WORSE!

ONE OF THEM IS USELESS BECAUSE IT WOULD TAKE TOO MUCH TIME TO GET THE DESIRED EFFECT.
TO USE AGAINST RED RO[illegible] ...
EVEN THOUGH I HAVE COMPLETED TWO SEAL FORMATIONS ...
THE OTHER, THOUGH EFFECTIVE ...
IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME
BESIDES IT WILL STILL REQUIRE OVER 10 000 PEOPLE CO-OPERATING IN SYNC.
NEEDS A LOT OF PREPARATIONS ...
PEOPLE, EQUIPMENT, ORGANIZATION ...
MANAGED TO GATHER AND ORGANISE EVERYTHING IN JUST TWO DAYS.
BUT YOU ...


PERFECTLY CAPTURING THAT MOON-LIGHT OF CORROSION IN A COUNTER-REVOLUTION SEAL FOR-MATION.

WITHOUT YOU, THE PEOPLE WON'T BE ABLE TO DO ANY-THING ...
ABOUT THE DISASTER THEY CAN ONLY WAIT FOR DEATH
YOU MUST BE TOTALLY EXHAUSTED, BOTH MAGI-CALLY AND PHYSICALLY.
EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE PRE-TENDING TO BE OTHER-WISE
I'M JUST DOING THINGS AS THAT MAN HAS TAUGHT
THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO THANK ME

YOU STILL HAVEN'T FOUND RED ROSE'S WHEREABOUTS?
MAYBE HE HAD ALREADY-
SHUT UP!
I DON'T WANT TO LISTEN TO PREDICTIONS
THE SEAL FORMATIONS AND EQUIPMENT ARE OPERATING NORMALLY.
ALL 283 SPIRITUAL MASTERS ARE IN THEIR POSITIONS!
IT MUST HAVE BEEN VERY HARD FOR YOU. THANK YOU.
WHAT COMES NEXT IS YOURS.
YOU CAN DEPEND ON ME.

IF I HAD A DAUGHTER LIKE YOU...
I WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GO ALL OUT AGAINST RED ROSE.
YOU WANT ME TO BE YOUR DAUGHTER WHEN YOU'RE EVEN YOUNGER THAN ME?
ALSO, DON'T GO PATERNAL ON ME
NOT PATERNAL BUT MATERNAL ...
IT'S NOT STRANGE THAT YOU DON'T KNOW...
BUT I'M A WOMAN.
WHAT!?
MASTER, THE SPIRITUAL OUTPUT FROM EVERY GROUP IS STEADY.
WE CAN BEGIN AT ANY TIME!
VERY GOOD.

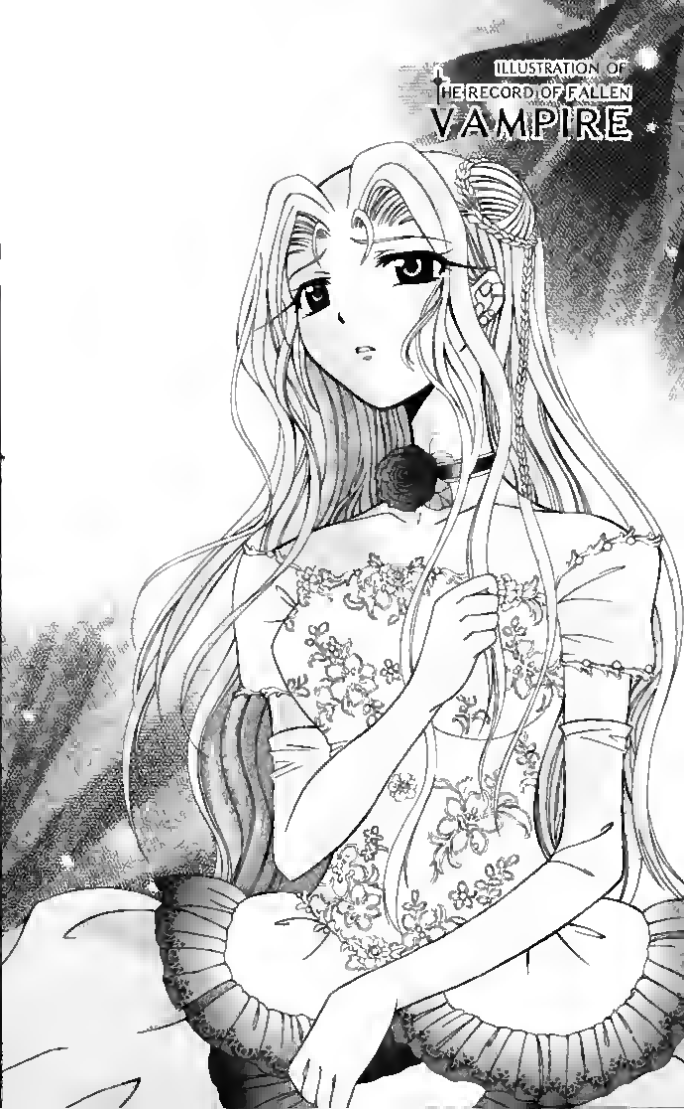
EVERYONE ...
BRING FORTH YOUR COURAGE AND YOUR FULL POWER ...
TO DEFEAT THE TERROR OF THE "CORRO-SION" !!
EVERYTHING WILL DEPEND ON THIS MOMENT !!

TO SEAL THE VAMPIRE QUEEN ...
ACTIVATE THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION SEAL!!
COME! LET OUR HEARTS BE ONE!

PREVIEW
I WILL SUCCEED EVEN IF IT TAKES MY LIFE!!
... BY THE NAME OF THE INFINITE CROSS!
Underneath those inauspicious & sad memories...
VAMPIRES AND HUMANS WORKING TOGETHER TO BATTLE THE "FUSHOKUNO GEKKOU". AND WHAT IS THE AFTERMATH OF THAT BATTLE!?
TO HAVE BEEN YOUR DISCIPLE...
I'M VERY HONORED ...

Saberhagen's preparation for the future—
EVEN IF WE WERE TO FALL, WE NEED A
HUNTER THAT CAN CHASE THEM EVEN TO THE END OF THE WORLD.
BUT... MISS ...!?
THERE'S NO TIME LEFT, USE MINE!!
The "other special technique" to deal with the Vampire King is?
AS HER DAUGHTER, I WISH TO FULFILL HER WISH.

RECORD OF A FALLEN VAMPIRE CONTINUES IN BOOK 6!!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全編通してほとんどが過去ということで、描いている方はかなりテンションが上がっていました。より 城あり 船あり 宇宙服あり、ビッグ・モーラあり 腐敗の日光あり 何やらもりだくさんの内容で大変骨が折れました。さて……、この過去編ではブリジットから見た事実が語られているのですが、彼女の記憶の中でストラウスは、穏々な顔をのぞかせてくれたように思います。

現代のストラウスは何を考えているのかよく分からないように見えますし、(なるべく無表情に感じたことを表に出さない) そう注意して描いてきたつもりでいました。それが自分にとっては難しくて——。正直 自分には試練というべきものであり 描くのに一番神経を使うキャラクターなのです。 ですが 過去編の彼はとても描きやすかった。それは ストラウスが普通に人を愛し、怒りと悲しみに心を震わせる姿を見せてくれたからに他なりません。ステラといっしょにいる時のストラウスは思いっきり「バカ」に描いてしまいました。

—— ストラウスの幸せだった頃を描く——、自分にとってちょっとした夢のようなものだった話を描くことができました。

……幸福は瞬く間に過ぎ去り、物語は苦しみの始まりへと進んでいきます。さてはて……
それでは 第六巻でお会いできることを願いつつ。

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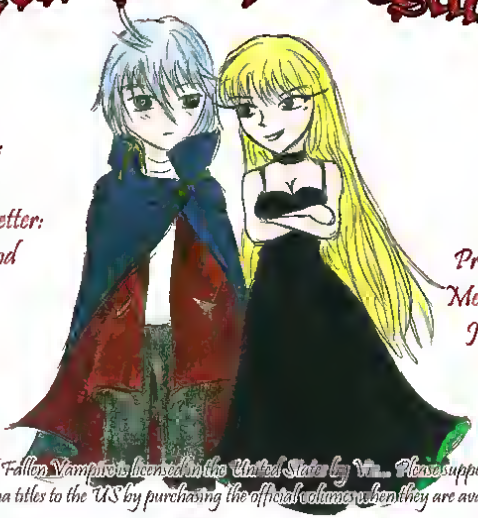

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